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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 19-May-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 05/19/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/12/01
BRO-FRY	157,484	162,346
LT HENS	1,655	1,630
HVY HENS	1,471	1,499

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 12-MAY-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	574	0	574
LAST WEEK	505	0	505
SAME WK YR AGO	364	0	364
TO DATE 2001	9,610	143	9,753
TO DATE 2000	9,829	50	9,879

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,149	1,465	3,614
LAST WEEK	2,259	1,400	3,659
SAME WK YR AGO	2,388	1,238	3,626
TO DATE 2001	44,444	25,419	69,863
TO DATE 2000	48,603	25,997	74,600

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 12-MAY-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,969 (A)	1,575	1,465	3,040
AVG WT	5.20	3.44	8.00	5.64
LAST WEEK	157,022	1,754	1,400	3,154
SAME WEEK YR AGO	157,176	2,024	1,238	3,262
AVG WT	5.06	3.37	7.87	5.08
TO-DATE/2001	2,865,755	34,834	25,276	60,110
TO-DATE/2000	2,918,915	38,774	25,947	64,721

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.9 million head or 0.8 million head less than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING MAY 5,2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	32,091	25,699	58,496
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.76	6.03
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	22%	50%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	35,934	21,465	49,248
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.71	6.01
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	20%	46%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	33,212	31,626	42,491
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.73	6.14
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	29%	40%
TO DATE/2001	583,732	466,068	811,375
TO DATE/2000	594,559	572,145	732,955

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-MAY-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,049	2,704	39	4	4,796
AVG WT	16.36	35.50	24.55	30.06	27.17
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,072	2,669	44	17	4,802
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,919 (B)		39	40	4,998
AVG WT	27.74 (B)		33.13	25.65	27.76
TO-DATE/2001	87,247 (B)		725	271	88,243
TO-DATE/2000	87,641 (B)		317	713	88,671

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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